

additional money to put the insulation in because it would require some front end capital money. This will buy the insulation outside the lids, cut down on the energy. I think it is good. Now what about the extra percent. Well, that isn't as radical as you think and all the dramatics about new bureaucracy, there is no new bureaucracy. Vincent Brown who is a very good friend of mine and the various oil people had some meetings and they agreed on three percent if I would exempt the strippers. We were still up in the air on that. I have that amendment here. Doing that would raise about an additional million dollars. They aren't fighting it. They are willing to accept it. Do you know one of the reasons they are willing to accept it is because they know that that extra percent, we are getting about half of that from the federal government because they would be paying it to the feds and they can offset it there. So we are not talking about such a dramatic increase as everybody would say. It is really pretty reasonable, and then we take that money and the original money raised under the two percent, we start investing it in insulation. Now if you want to further restrict the bill to just have strictly insulation in schools or public buildings so it benefits everybody, I am fine with that. My main goal though is to redirect the assets we already have in the first two percent, get the additional money they are actually willing to pay, and start using it for energy conservation. I can see I haven't got Howard sold yet. I would urge you to adopt the amendment with the elimination of the uranium issue. If you want to further refine it, I have got the amendments from Vince Brown that would go to the three percent and exempt the strippers. I would agree to further refine it in terms of targeting the money almost strictly to public buildings but I do believe the statements that Senator Schmit and many others said about bureaucracy and new rules and regs and all that, I don't know where you found all these. There were some of these in the original bill but what we are proposing now is a very scaled down and limited version. Now you, yes, you indeed may win and you may kill the bill and you may do nothing on energy today but I think you, yourselves, down deep will say, "Hey! We are making a mistake". The bill has no lobbyist for it which is kind of a difficult position to work from and indeed there are a lot of people working against it, but overall, if you can come up with a better way to use the money we have already got, I would like to hear it. I think we are wasting it the way it is. So I urge you to adopt the amendment and I would put the additional things on we talked about here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is to adopt the amendments